The award of \$1.26 million will be used to upgrade mechanical systems at OVH and cover 65 percent of the cost of construction. The remainder of the project will be funded through the state of Ohio.

"This work will not only stimulate the local economy, but improve the quality of life for our veterans at the home in Sandusky," Kaptur said. "What an honor it is to serve those who have served our nation."

The State Home Program is a cooperative effort between the federal government, through Veterans Affairs, and the state of Ohio. Kaptur is a member of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee.

The Sandusky facility, which has operated for more than 115 years, provides standard care and special care in its licensed nursing home. It also offers Veterans Hall, a domiciliary for people who are unable to live independently, and DOM-Plus for those who require only limited assistance and not the level of care that is provided to nursing home residents.

The exact amount of the federal award announced today will depend on final construction costs.